

REMARKS

Claims 21-40 were pending in this application. Claim 21 has been amended and new claims 41 and 42 have been added. Support for the claim amendments can be found, *e.g.*, at p. 2, *ll.* 9-10 of the application as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced.

The Examiner has required restriction of the claimed invention to two inventions:

Group I: claims 21-31, drawn to the technical feature of a method for assaying a compound or a combination of compounds that inhibit the entry of HIV into a cell; and

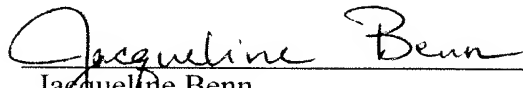
Group II: claims 32-40, drawn to the technical feature of a kit.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 21-31 and new claims 41 and 42). Claims of Group II (claims 32-40) are hereby withdrawn, however, once the process claims are found to be allowable, Applicant reserves the right to request rejoinder of the withdrawn product claims.

Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments and remarks made herein be considered and entered into the record of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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